

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as School-Based Health Care Awareness Day in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as School-Based Health Care Awareness Day in
3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, school-based health care facilities are an important statewide resource
5 helping to address the health care needs of underserved and uninsured children, providing
6 needed preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services, including direct primary and mental
7 health care for acute and chronic illnesses, health education, case management assistance,
8 and immunizations; and

9 WHEREAS, these facilities provide vital counseling on threats to children's health
10 such as childhood obesity, asthma, smoking, substance abuse, and violence, as well as
11 behavioral problems ranging from mild to severe; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1990, as policymakers became concerned about the high morbidity
13 and mortality rates of adolescents, the office of public health in the Department of Health
14 and Hospitals was asked to determine the feasibility of opening school-based health care
15 facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1991, the Adolescent School Health Initiative was enacted and
17 school-based health care facilities came into existence around the state; and

18 WHEREAS, a school-based health care facility provides convenient access to

